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## Hugh Troy, 58, 'Champion Of All Practical Jokers'

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Hugh Troy, a practical joker par excellence who invented the "Flypaper Report" as a jibe at the pounds of paperwork required during World War II, died Tuesday.

Mr. Troy, 58, author and illustrator of children's books, mural painter and for 10 years an employe of the Central Intelligence Agency, died after a long illness at his apartment at 2531 Q street N.W.

H. Allen Smith in "The Compleat Practical Joker," described Mr. Troy as "the most imaginative and ingenious of all practical jokers," a title he earned beyond question with his wartime "flypaper" stunt.

As a captain in a South Pacific bomber command he sent out daily reports detailing to the last wing the number of flies trapped on each strand of

flypaper in the messhall. His bold innovation in the paper revolution was soon S. O. P. for every unit in the command.

But if the "Flypaper Report" alone didn't suffice to make his reputation, perhaps the time in New York when he bought a park bench, only to pick it up and walk off with it in the sight of a policeman, would do. Of course, he was arrested by the irritated policeman, and of course, back at headquarters he produced his bill of sale. And then he started off again to another park.

Mr. Troy leaves his former wife, Patricia Carey of 2144 California street N.W.; a sister, Mrs. John Rice of Mountain Lakes, N. J., and a brother, Francis, of Orinda, Calif.

Funeral services will be private with burial tomorrow in Arlington Cemetery.